

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 6, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

As Members of Congress, we write to you today to express our deep concern about the outrageous and offensive allegations being made about former National Security Advisor, Ambassador Susan Rice. In particular, we are disturbed by your comments you made to the press yesterday, April 5th, from the Oval Office accusing her of committing a crime while offering no evidence, in spite of the fact that former intelligence officials from both sides of the aisle have stated that nothing they have seen would lead them to such a conclusion.

As you may be aware, Ambassador Rice has decades of foreign policy and diplomacy experience, is respected internationally in her field and was a Rhodes Scholar. She has dedicated her entire career to public service and this is not the first time her reputation has been maligned with untrue, harmful allegations. The reality is that these types of distractions and scapegoating allegations not only harm reputations, they turn attention away from the real issue, which is the need for an independent investigation into Russia's interference in American elections.

We call on you to retract your statements suggesting that the accomplished and respected woman has committed a crime and ask that you are thoughtful in the future before hurling insults and accusations that are unfounded and unproven.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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